



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Development Charges By-law

In April 2007, Halton Region began a consultation process for the 2008 development charges update. A Background Study now has been prepared to propose a by-law that will replace the Region's existing region-wide residential and non-residential roads and general services development charges in By-law No. 99-04, region-wide residential and non-residential water and wastewater development charges in By-law No. 57-04, and area specific non-residential water and wastewater development charges in By-law No. 102-03.

The "2008 Halton Development Charge Background Study" for the Region's Development Charges By-law was made available to the public on **Wednesday February 27, 2008**, and can be obtained at the office of the Regional Clerk at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1.

Public Meeting

The Development Charges Act, 1997 requires that at least one public meeting be held prior to the passing of a development charges by-law. The purpose of this public meeting is to present the 2008 Halton Development Charge Background Study and proposed by-law and to allow persons to make representations relating to the proposed by-law.

The public meeting will be held by the Regional Administration and Finance Committee as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Council Chambers, Halton Regional Centre,
 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meeting and to make representations. Interested persons should note that the development charge proposals might change as a result of the meeting and any further staff reports. The final proposal and by-law will be presented to the Administration and Finance Committee at its regular meeting of **Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Halton Room.**

The final by-law will be presented to Council for approval on **Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.**

For Further Information

Any questions should be directed to Paula Kobli at 825-6000, ext. 7184, Toll Free 1-866-442-5866, Regional Municipality of Halton, Corporate Services Department, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1.

If you wish to appear as a delegation at any of the meetings, including the public meeting, please call Ms. Sue Lathan, Deputy Clerk at 905-825-6000, ext. 7254.

Monica Wallenfels
 Regional Clerk

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Gary Carr
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 Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Mar. 18 9:30 a.m. - Health & Social Services Cmtee. **Mar. 19** 1:30 p.m. - Planning & Public Works Cmtee.
Mar. 19 9:30 a.m. - Admin & Finance Cmtee. **Mar. 21** Holiday Closure

**View from mountaintop
 'amazing', says climber**

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The porters provided and prepared "great" meals for the climbers, and they also sang to them.

"The most exciting thing at the end of each day was getting to the tents that were set up and have the Tanzanian natives sing to you. That meant more than even reaching the top. These are people with next to nothing, some who were climbing up with shoes that you and I would throw out, not even climbing boots. Even though you know its part of the program, (just the fact) they were genuinely happy and they're singing in Swahili and dancing, and you're ready to fall asleep."

He said the last two evenings when the natives started singing he and the others on the climb cried.

"You realize that people can be so happy with nothing and here we are, we always want bigger, better houses and cars. They were born with nothing. It just makes you think."

They group made it to the top of Kilimanjaro at about 11:30 a.m. Feb. 15, after setting out on the final leg of the climb at 4 a.m. that day.

"We started to climb in the dark using headlamps," said Booth. The

climbers had to make such an early start because they can't sleep at the top of the mountain so enough time had to be provided to get them up and back down.

"Some areas were steeper and colder, windier and tougher, there was less oxygen, less talking."

When they reached the summit he said he thought to himself, "finally we got here, we made it."

"I don't think it sunk in the first day or two."

He said the view from the top was "amazing," but when the mist came in they couldn't see anything.

It took his party two days to come back down the mountain, and before heading home he went off on a two-day safari.

Looking back on his trek up the mountain, Booth said, "It was the toughest thing I ever had to do, physically, mentally and emotionally."

But despite that sentiment, Booth said he might consider making the climb again. His daughter has expressed an interest in going up Kilimanjaro in the next year or so.

Booth added, if that expedition doesn't pan out, there's always the trek along the Inca Trail to Macho Picchu in Peru.

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